

REMARKS

Claims 12-30 are pending in this case. Claims 15-26 have been withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Claims 27-30 are allowed. Claims 12-14 are rejected. Claim 12 has been canceled and Claims 13-14 and 28-30 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 27.

Claims 12-16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamada et al patent. Claim 12 has been canceled and claims 13-14 have been amended to depend from Claim 27. It should be noted that Claims 15-16 have been withdrawn from consideration. For the reasons stated above, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) and allowance of claim 13-14 and 27-30 over the cited patent is respectfully requested.

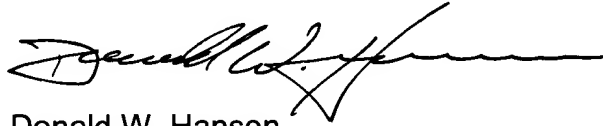
In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the subject application is now in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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